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# Nellie Thompson Dorothy Patch Scholarship Fund

## Helping Salem's Minority Students

### **Saul Jurado** 2009 Awardee

**Home:** Salem, Oregon

**Colleges:** Chemeketa Community College, AA  
University of Oregon, BA Sociology, Business,  
Environmental Studies

#### **What is your current Job?**

I am a education assistant and coach at Chemawa Indian School. I provide assistance to special needs kids at the school. Helping native kids succeed for the first time and challenge themselves to break down their mental barriers.

#### **What do you do for fun?**

I dance at pow wows and love to learn and share my culture with my daughter and my community.

#### **What did you learn about yourself at college?**

I learned that I was a procrastinator and now am a man of lists and timelines. I learned that it is important to push your boundaries to succeed.



#### **How did the Thompson-Patch Scholarship help you?**

With the funding from the scholarship and working summers I was able to complete college debt free. It helped me get a start on life without going into debt. It helped me "beat the odds". Native American kids often don't graduate but I was able to with help.

#### **What advice do you have for a new high school graduate?**

Learn what your limits are and be willing to go beyond them into uncomfortable areas. Honor your heritage and trust in yourself.

**Help more students like Saul by donating today. More information** ➡

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# Thompson-Patch Scholarship Fund

Date, 2018

Jenneffer Martinez has a dream to “serve, advocate, and encourage those who feel like they are trapped.”

Jenneffer knows what it is like to feel trapped. Her parents divorced when she was young. Her extended family was broken apart and she became a mother at 14.

But, Jenneffer never gave up.

She wanted to make a good life for her and her daughter. She wanted to give back to her community. And she knew that education was the key to making both happen.

With the help of \$500 scholarship from the Thompson-Patch scholarship fund, Jenneffer enrolled at Chemeketa Community College. It’s hard work balancing school, work, and parenting but she is on track to become a drug and alcohol addiction counselor. She will become the first person in her family to graduate from college.



Your support of the Thompson-Patch Scholarship Fund made this all possible.

For the past 23 years, the Thompson-Patch Scholarship Fund has helped students of color in the Salem-Keizer area achieve their dreams to go to college or trade school. We award scholarships to students who have demonstrated both the resilience to overcome significant obstacles in their lives and the drive to succeed.

**Will you donate today to help a student like Jenneffer? Any amount is appreciated.**

Every dollar you give will go to a scholarship for a deserving student. Help us make more dreams come true. Donate today.

Thank you.

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## Helping Dreams Come True

September 10, 2019

Zena Greenawald aspires to help protect the natural environment that has been a refuge for her as a youth. The outdoors and nature has been a respite and escape for her during her struggles with her family's drug addiction. As a Native American student, she has a dream to "serve, advocate, and encourage those who feel like they are trapped."

Zena knows what it is like to feel trapped. She and her five siblings were placed in foster care at a young age.

**Zena wants to do better!**

She wants to help protect the natural world that provided comfort for her and knows that education is the key to create the opportunity.

With the help of a \$1,500 scholarship from the Thompson-Patch Scholarship Fund, Zena enrolled in Oregon State University. It's hard to balance school, and work but she is on track to achieve a science education to prepare her for a career in conservation. On top of her busy class schedule she is learning the Siletz language on her own; Nuu-wee-ya' waa-'aa-ghitlh-sri naa-cha-ghitlh-ni (Our language is a way to make us strong). She will become the first person in her family to graduate from college.



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### **Will you donate today to help a student like Zena?**

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**The Board Thanks you.**

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# NELLIE THOMPSON DOROTHY PATCH SCHOLARSHIP FUND

*Helping Student Dreams Come True*

## **Yulisa Marcos Cristobal** 2019 Awardee



**Home:** Salem, Oregon

**College and Year:** George Fox University, Sophomore

### **What is your major?**

I am planning on a double major in accounting and business administration. I am currently taking core business courses in economics, statistics, and marketing.

### **What are your plans after you graduate?**

I plan to get a job in the healthcare field and then use that experience to go on to graduate school in healthcare administration. Getting a job will let me explore more and live independently.

### **What do you do for fun?**

I love cooking, watching movies, and going out into nature to explore God's creation.

### **What have you learned about yourself at college?**

I learned I am very independent. I learned that asking for help can be a good thing at times and that I need support from others.

### **How did the Thompson-Patch Scholarship help you?**

My Thompson-Patch scholarship was a blessing. With the funding from the scholarship, I was able to pay for housing, which was a great relief for me and my parents since I cannot commute.

### **What advice do you have for a new high school graduate?**

Don't be afraid to ask for help. Reach out to your teachers, peers, and others for advice and assistance as you start college. Many opportunities will open up to you.



**HELP MORE STUDENTS LIKE YULISA BY DONATING TODAY.**



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## **Ayan Muhumed 2018 Awardee**

**High School:** West Salem High School



**College and year:** Portland State University, Senior

### **How has college been for you?**

I am excited to be close to graduation. The first year was difficult until I found help through TRIO student support services. I am serving an internship with Catholic Charities affordable housing as a part of my Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Work, with a minor in Civic Leadership.

### **What do you do for fun?**

I tutor kids, read, but don't have much time for that while in school, and to relieve stress I cook and clean. A favorite memory is hiking in Silver Creek Falls State Park and seeing all the waterfalls.

### **What are your plans after graduation?**

I plan to go to graduate school but also need to work to help my family and community.

### **What activities are you in at PSU?**

I helped at the school food pantry pre COVID and am now a peer mentor through TRIO.

### **What would you like people to know about you and your family?**

I was born in a refugee camp in Ethiopia and have been in this country for only 10 years. I am the first female of my family to go to college. I want to set an example for my brothers and sisters and my community.

### **How did the Thompson Patch Scholarship help you?**

Your scholarship was a critical help, I purchased a laptop computer that I am using today.

### **What advice do you have for students who are graduating from High School?**

Don't be afraid, there are people and programs available to help you. Apply for scholarships, talk to people in your classes and others. Learn about resources that are available. While it may be hard and intimidating, it is worth extending yourself.

